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MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON JOINT TEACHING AND TRAINING, RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY MULTIPLICATION AND EXTENSION BETWEEN

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And

Adama Science & Technology University (ASTU)

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Mettu University (MeU)

And

Adama Science &Technology University (ASTU) , Adama

Mettu University and **Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU)**, altogether hereinafter referred to as 'the Parties', have signed this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to coordinate their efforts on Community services, Research activities, Capacity building, Technology transfer, and research and dissemination in accordance with the partnership principles set out in this MOU. *Whereas* MeU which is a public university established in 2011 G.C, and with a vision '**Mettu University is to be one the top Universities by offering quality education in Ethiopia by 2020 G.C'.** and with the mission of **'Offering quality education to produce competent graduate, conducting need based researches and provides multi dimensional services to the community that alleviate societal problems'**; located at Mettu and represented by Dr. Tadesse Habtamu, MeU President.

Whereas, MeU and **Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU)**, are interested and willing to forge partnership so as to strengthen /complement one another in their efforts to deliver quality services in their areas of common interventions.

Now therefore, the contracting parties have adopted this Memorandum of Understanding with the approval of their respective executive bodies to lay ground for effective institutional cooperation as follows:

Preamble

Mettu University and **Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU)**, agree to collaborate and build strong relationship on research and technology transfer, community service and capacity building in accordance with the partnership principles set out in this MOU to discharge their responsibilities.

Article 1

Areas of Collaboration

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall include, interlaid, and as appropriate, the following:

- **Jointly prepared seminars, workshops, trainings and technology demonstration activities;**
- **Development and implementation** of other joint activities addressing issues of mutual interest, designed to foster demand driven community service and promote research, technology transfer and dissemination schemes in the locality.
- **Exchange of resource persons:** resource persons from both parties can be exchanged for a certain period of time to cover courses and or researches and or trainings up on the need and prior request of either party.
- **Research and community services:** Scholars from both parties can jointly work research and provide community services in line to their expertise specialization in their mandate areas.
- **Access to Resources:** both parties provide access to staffs and students visit for upgrading knowledge and practical skills. Furthermore, the parties can share educational facilities like, laboratory equipment chemicals and etc. that can support quality education and production of competent graduates.
- **Exchange of technologies:** Both parties can share technologies for teaching and technology transfer.
- Any other collaborative efforts as may be determined by both parties.

Article 2- Joint work program

2.1 The two parties here after undertake to jointly solicit for funds, research grants, contributions, subscriptions and such related funds for the purpose of realizing any or all the objectives of the collaboration.

2.2. The aforementioned lists of initial joint activities are not exhaustive and new activities addressing issues of mutual relevance may be proposed by the Partners whenever appropriate. Descriptions of new activities shall specify the respective responsibilities and financial obligations of the Parties and they will specify any additional sources of funds, as well as respective staff responsibilities. For implementing such joint activities, the Parties may agree on cooperation with other public or private organizations, including donors.

2.3. Both parties shall make rules governing the use of their respective facilities including laboratories, library and workshops where such facilities are used to conduct and of the

function of this collaboration as specified in 'agreements of collaboration' regarding each individual project.

Article 3 - Exchange of information

3.1 The Parties shall regularly exchange information and seek complementarities and coordination regarding their relevant activities and programs.

3.2 The Parties may invite each other to participate in activities, working groups, conferences and seminars in conformity with respective applicable rules.

Article 4 - Financial Obligations

4.1. All activities to be developed and implemented under this MOU will be subject to the availability of funds, either from the Parties' own resources or from any other sources. The Parties will engage in joint resource mobilization from governmental and non-governmental funding sources, including (inter-) national donor organizations, private sector and philanthropic funds and non-governmental organizations, in accordance with relevant rules and procedures.

4.2. The descriptions and budgets of actions to be jointly undertaken will be part of separate activity based agreement, which will refer to this MOU and be signed by the respective Parties involved including donors, if any, prior to the initiation of any activity.

4.3. Both parties shall seek waiver of duty and value added tax applicable in the countries on any equipment and materials obtained from any source for use by students and staff participating in this collaboration. As a general rule, the title and custody of any equipment acquired in the course of the collaboration shall remain with the host institution/organization/factory upon the expiry of that particular project as specified in individual 'agreements of collaboration'.

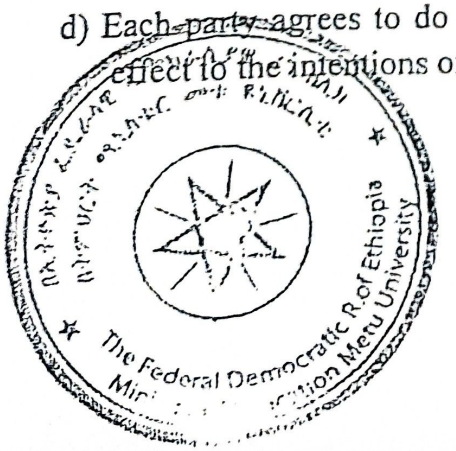
Article 5 - Intellectual Property

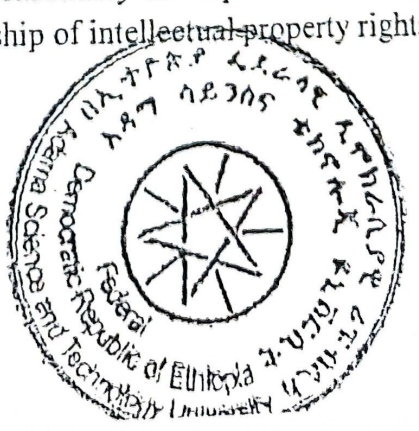
g) Where either party has any intellectual property rights in any material that is subsequently used by the parties in connection with this MOU, then those intellectual property rights remain vested in that party.

h) Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright on material such as information, software and designs, made available by any of the Parties to carry out the activities under this MOU shall remain with the originating Party;

i) Copyright of information as well as any other intellectual property rights, developed jointly by Parties shall be jointly vested in the Parties concerned. Each Party concerned shall have full rights to exploit such jointly owned works for non-commercial purposes.

d) Each party agrees to do such further things as may reasonably be required of it to give effect to the intentions of the parties regarding ownership of intellectual property rights as





expressed in this clause (including, without limitation, by executing such assignments and licenses of intellectual property rights as may reasonably be required).

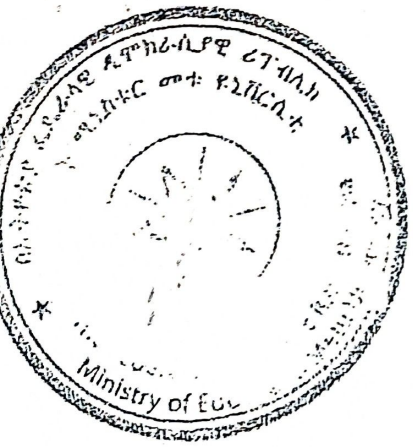
Article 6- Managing the Collaboration

- The contact/focal section on the side of MeU managing the collaboration will be _____, _____ at Mettu University _____ MeU, and on the side of **Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU)**, counterpart will be Pr. _____, _____ of **Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU).**
- The counterparts shall jointly define plan for collaborative activities and the modalities of monitoring the implementation of the activities articulated in the collaborative agreement
- The focal points regularly report to their respective top management on the outcomes of the collaborative engagement.
- **Both parties agree to:**
  - Maintain regular communication and meet as necessary in-person as deemed necessary.
  - Develop a plan for collaborative initiatives
  - Work in their area of framework to support initiatives.

Article 7- Effective Date, Amendments, and Termination

This MOU shall be effective when signed by both Parties. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of all the parties, in accordance with their respective rules and regulations. Such amendments shall enter into force one month following notifications of consent by the parties. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time upon advance written notice to the other Party with such termination becoming effective upon the date set forth in such written notice.

IN witness where of, the parties hereto, each acts through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this MOU to be signed in their names and delivered as of this ግንቦት 12 2017.



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